

Editorial Page.

We have received from Hon. S. P. Chase, a bound copy of the Congressional Globe and Appendix for the last session of congress. This is a handsome present, for which we feel much obliged to Governor Chase.

SEVERE LOSS BY FIRE.—On Thursday evening last, about 8 o'clock, the planing mill in this place, belonging to D. Lindsay & Co., was discovered to be in flames, and was soon totally consumed, with all its machinery, tools, &c., together with the warehouse adjoining, which latter contained about 4,400 bushels of corn belonging to H. P. Averill, salt, sugar, &c., and 94 ploughs belonging to G. W. Brown & Co., and considerable other goods. About 20,000 feet of pine lumber on the dock, and 30,000 feet of white wood and other lumber adjoining the mill, was consumed. Mr. Abner Brown lost about \$200 worth of tools and implements, and many others lost more or less. The warehouse belonged to a Boston firm, and was not probably insured—loss perhaps \$1000. The total loss may be about \$10,000. Messrs. Peck & Averill were fully insured in the Aetna Co., to amount of \$3,000. The loss of D. Lindsay & Co., on the planing mill, lumber, &c., will probably amount to \$4,000, on which there was a policy of \$3,000 in the New Lisbon Mutual Co. There was no property in town that people in general would have more regretted to see destroyed than this mill. It had just got well stocked and in full operation, and the enterprising proprietors were just beginning to reap some little reward for their labors of many months, when all was swept away in a moment. And what renders the matter worse, it was beyond question the work of an incendiary. There had been no fire about the building this year, not a candle or a match. The utmost precaution had been observed in this respect, and the mill had run but slowly through the day, and had been stopped for four hours. We hope enough will have been saved by insurance to enable the proprietors to rebuild the planing mill, for it is an improvement much needed here.

There is quite a war of sentiment among the democratic papers of Ohio as to the cause of their defeat at the late election, and the proper course to be pursued in future. The Cincinnati Enquirer, Ohio Statesman, Dayton Empire, &c., say that the cause of defeat was a want of courage, a shirking of the true issue, in not generally standing up in defense of the Nebraska bill; while others like the Ohio State Democrat, Charley Flood's paper at Urbana, say that the support of the Nebraska bill by the President and party is what has killed them in Ohio. The Nebraskaites will of course be masters in the matter, and the national question of freedom or slavery is to be fought over and over again. The people may as well make up their minds to this, for there is no escape from it.

Author's Home Magazine, one of the best of the monthlies, is always the most prompt to arrive.

NOBLE COUNTY.—Last year Noble gave Norris, Locofoco, 425 majority over Swan, Republican. Now it gives Chase 407 majority over Medill, being a gain of 832 over the majority of last year. What other county in the State can show so large a gain on the same number of votes? Huzza for Noble, the youngest of the 83 counties of Ohio!

We yield the palm to Noble county. It has done better this year than Wood county, and is entitled to the banner. A noble county, as well in politics as in name.

At the late Indiana State Fair there were 2,646 entries—nearly 1,000 more than at the fair last year. Almost every Western State was represented.

The Toledo Times agitates for an investigation as to the legality of the wholesale naturalization practiced by Judge Hall at our last court. Go ahead, say we. If one half be true that rumor says, an investigation is needed. If not true, let the voice of slander be silenced, for the judge could not then be impugned, and he is personally very popular. Let justice, law and truth be vindicated, whoever may suffer.

We have been requested to publish a communication denouncing the Toledo Daily Times, because it claims that the result of the recent election is a Know Nothing triumph. As the writer did not append his name to the bottom of his article, we decline to volunteer an offensive attitude towards our cotemporary by publishing an anonymous pasquinade. We take occasion to say, however, that we are disappointed in the course of the Times. We supposed it would be an active, zealous Republican paper, a co-worker in a different part of the same field with the Toledo Blade. But instead of this, it seems inclined to array itself against the Republican mass and foment into leading prominence the Know Nothing faction. The Times undoubtedly has its own objects and interests in view, and is not by any means responsible to us or any one else for the policy it may see proper to pursue. But we respectfully suggest that there is no surplus anti-slavery strength in Lucas county that should be wontonly frittered away and wasted on useless factions. Next year a president is to be elected, when a union of the friends of freedom will be a matter of the highest importance. Is not the course the Times is pursuing calculated to prevent such union, so far as the influence of that paper is effective? We think so, and hence we deprecate it.

The Times assumes that the Know Nothings were able to have achieved the recent victory in Ohio without the assistance of the Republicans. This is absurd. We do not believe it could have been gained in any other way than it was—by a united effort. Divide the Republican strength into Know Nothing and anti-Know Nothing factions, as a legitimate result of the labors of the Times, and either part would be easily beaten by the Democrats; though we believe the opponents of a proscriptive policy and of all secret political organizations would speedily gain an immense preponderance of numbers. The confidence of the Know Nothings in their own unaided strength must be taken with rather more grains of allowance, when they cut loose from the Republicans, than the numerous failures of their predictions hitherto have provided. On the other hand, if there had been no Know Nothing organization, we ask any candid man if he believe that the administration could have made a respectable show of fight this year in a single northern state? Why, what have the administration presses and stumpers talked about in all the recent campaigns? Nothing but Know Nothingism. The Republican strength is all that has kept the Know Nothings from being crushed as between the upper and nether millstones. Without the incubus of the Know Nothing name, large accessions to the Republican rank might have been expected from the Democratic party, while the German voters would have been with us almost *en masse*. There are no more decided opponents of Know Nothingism than many of the Republicans, but, as the Know Nothings of the north profess to be anti-slavery, these Republicans have waived the other question for the present, to unite against the impudent and urgent demands of slavery, with all who will unite with them on the REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.—And they desire to remain united upon it—does the Times?

Saltpetre exist in "caves" in Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade and Osage counties, Missouri, enough to meet all deficiencies in the market.

The Official Vote.

All the counties but thirteen have been returned to the office of the Secretary of State. So far, the majority for Chase is 12,649. We have what purports to be the official majorities in these remaining thirteen counties, except Holmes and Huron. Estimating Holmes at 500 for Medill, and Huron 1000 for Chase, the majority in these counties is 4,192. This added to the official returns, makes Chase's majority 16,841. It will vary but a few figures from that number.

The majority of the rest of the Republican ticket is not known, but it will probably range from 35,000 to 40,000.

The Trimble vote is larger than we thought a few days since. All but eight counties give him 23,575. These are Holmes, Huron, Jefferson, Medina, Meigs, Paulding, Pike and Wayne, which will increase it to a fraction over 24,000.—[O. S. Journal 20th.]

ST LOUIS, Oct. 22.—The Kansas correspondent of the Missouri Democrat says, returns from 22 precincts give Reeder 1,935 votes. Still 29 precincts to hear from, and it is thought his vote will exceed 3,000. Election passed off peaceably. No persons were permitted to vote unless they had been actually residents of city or town thirty days past. Free Soilers are getting evidence wherewith to contest Whitfield's seat to Congress, purporting to establish, viz: that it can be proved there were only four legal pro-slavery votes at Franklin, and Whitfield received sixty-one. That out of upwards of two hundred votes cast for Whitfield at Wyndolph, only thirty were legal. That at Baptist Mission, which gave Whitfield over one hundred votes, there were but seventeen legal voters, and only thirteen of them were cast for Whitfield.

Throughout the whole territory delegates to the constitutional convention had been chosen.

The population of Boston and its immediate suburbs—Charlestown, Cambridge, Roxbury and Chelsea—is two hundred and thirty-three thousand four hundred and twenty-four persons.

By the details of foreign news, it appears that the losses of the Russians during the last month of the siege, were in those who were killed in action, over 40,000 men. Sevastopol was becoming too expensive. The Russians claim to have taken 1,700 French prisoners during the storming of the town.

The Aspinwall Courier says that Santa Anna and family are safely installed in and near Carthagen. His hacienda was under good cultivation two years ago, when he left it at the call of his partisans in Mexico. He now returns to private life for the third time; and we presume the little pueblo of Tobacco must have strong attractions to induce him to locate his retirement there a second time, after his exciting and varied career.—[Cleveland Leader.]

Sidney C. Burton, so well known for his indefatigable pursuit of the Martha Washington incendiaries, was recently poisoned in New York. His wife promptly went to him, and he has returned to his home, West Side, where, we are gratified to know, he is recovering. The effects of the poison were like those of dropsy, and pails of water were drawn from Mr. Burton's legs.

A letter written from Keokuk, Iowa, says, lots have been sold and preparations have been made to erect one thousand buildings in that city next year. There is a great demand for carpenters, masons, &c.

A POLITICAL BABEL.—There are thirty-six distinct parties in New York, with all sorts of strange and whimsical names, adopted apparently more out of ridicule than a characteristic or political principle. It must be difficult, amid such a confusion of parties, for any individual to know exactly to which he belongs, or on what platform he stands.